



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
Data Clearinghouse



# Identity Theft Victim Complaint Data

*Figures and Trends  
In Indiana*

*January 1- December 31, 2002*

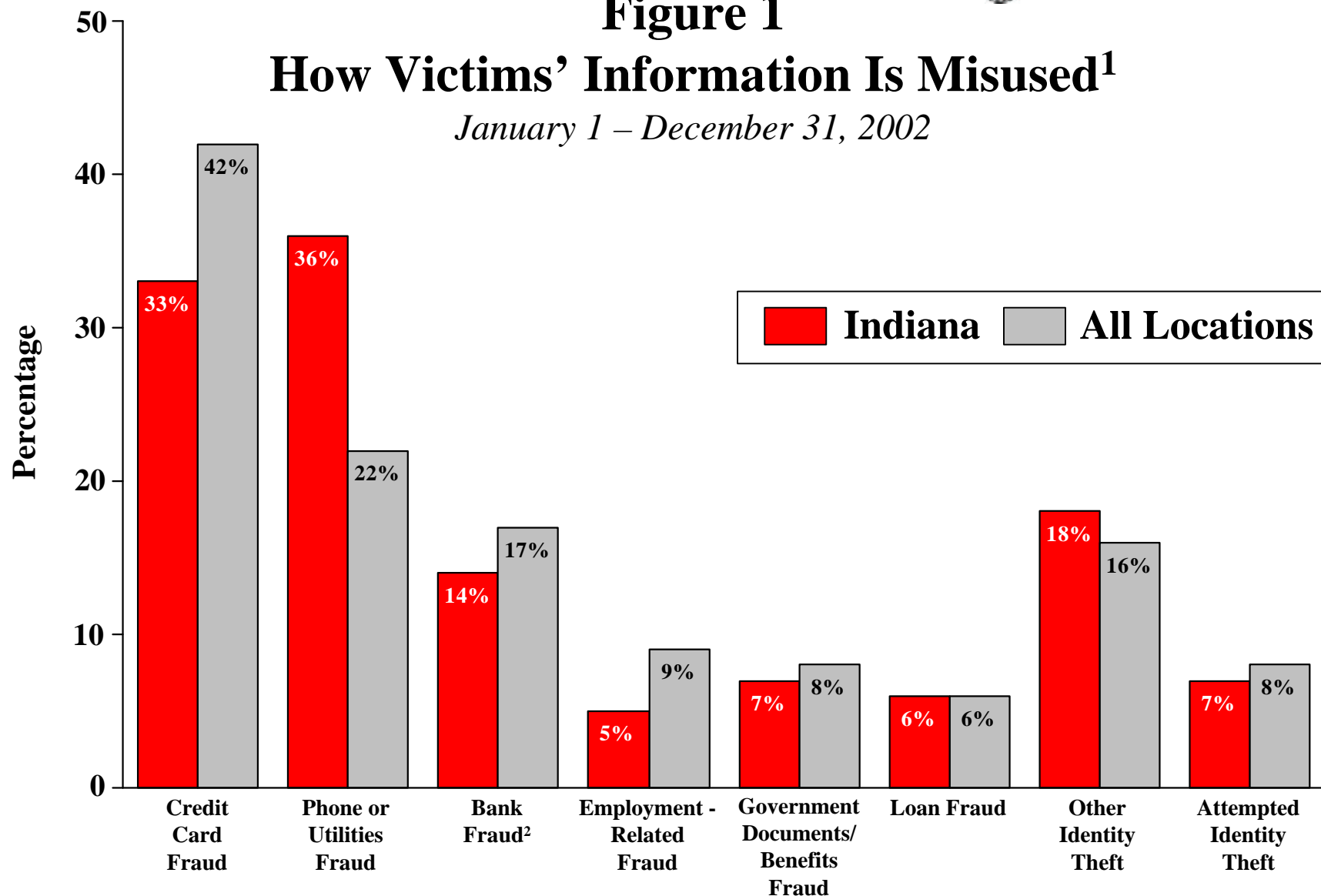


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# Figure 1

## How Victims' Information Is Misused<sup>1</sup>

January 1 – December 31, 2002



<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 2,612 victims reporting from Indiana and the 161,819 victims reporting from all locations. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 22% of victims from Indiana and from all locations reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft. All victims reported experiencing at least one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and saving accounts and electronic fund transfers.

## Figure 2



# How Victims' Information Is Misused<sup>1</sup>

**Total Number of Identity Theft Victims: Indiana = 2,612 \*\*\* All Locations = 161,819**

*January 1 – December 31, 2002*

### Credit Card Fraud

**Indiana 33% \*\*\* All Locations 42%**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i> | <i>Indiana</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| New Accounts          | 18.3%          | 24.4%                |
| Existing Accounts     | 11.1           | 12.1                 |
| Unspecified           | 4.0            | 5.4                  |

### Phone or Utilities Fraud

**Indiana 36% \*\*\* All Locations 22%**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i>                        | <i>Indiana</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|--|----------------|----------------------|
| Wireless - New                               | 12.4%          | 10.5%                |
| Telephone - New                              | 9.2            | 5.2                  |
| Utilities - New                              | 11.2           | 3.0                  |
| Unauthorized Charges<br>to Existing Accounts | 0.7            | 0.7                  |
| Unspecified                                  | 2.9            | 2.2                  |

### Bank Fraud<sup>2</sup>

**Indiana 14% \*\*\* All Locations 17%**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i>    | <i>Indiana</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Existing Accounts        | 6.0%           | 8.1%                 |
| New Accounts             | 3.0            | 3.7                  |
| Electronic Fund Transfer | 3.6            | 3.1                  |
| Unspecified              | 1.6            | 2.0                  |

### Employment-Related Fraud

| <i>Theft Subtype</i>     | <i>Indiana</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Employment-Related Fraud | 5.3%           | 9.3%                 |

### Government Documents or Benefits Fraud

**Indiana 7% \*\*\* All Locations 8%**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i>                 | <i>Indiana</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Driver's License Issued / Forged      | 2.8%           | 3.0%                 |
| Fraudulent Tax Return                 | 0.8            | 1.9                  |
| Social Security Card Issued / Forged  | 1.7            | 1.7                  |
| Gov't Benefits Applied For / Received | 0.8            | 0.8                  |
| Other Gov't Docs Issued / Forged      | 0.4            | 0.3                  |
| Unspecified                           | 0.1            | 0.1                  |

### Loan Fraud

**Indiana 6% \*\*\* All Locations 6%**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i>              | <i>Indiana</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Business / Personal / Student Loan | 3.1%           | 2.6%                 |
| Auto Loan / Lease                  | 1.7            | 2.1                  |
| Real Estate Loan                   | 0.7            | 0.9                  |
| Unspecified                        | 0.4            | 0.5                  |

### Other Identity Theft

**Indiana 18% \*\*\* All Locations 16%**

| <i>Theft Subtypes</i>          | <i>Indiana</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Other                          | 9.8%           | 9.1%                 |
| Illegal / Criminal             | 2.5            | 2.0                  |
| Medical                        | 2.1            | 1.7                  |
| Internet / E-Mail              | 1.4            | 1.4                  |
| Apartment / House Rented       | 1.0            | 1.0                  |
| Bankruptcy                     | 0.8            | 0.4                  |
| Securities / Other Investments | 0.2            | 0.2                  |

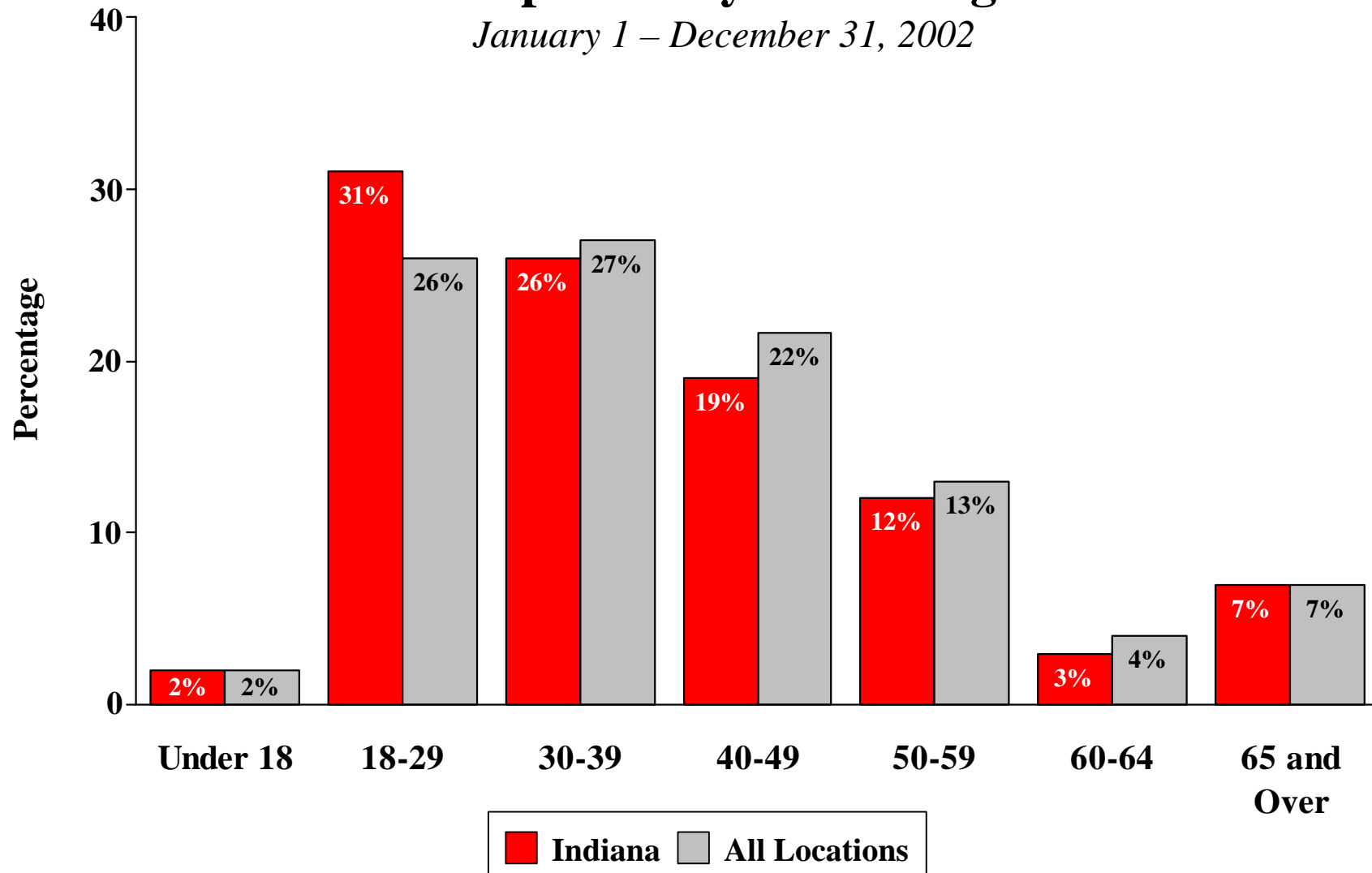
### Attempted Identity Theft

| <i>Theft Subtype</i>     | <i>Indiana</i> | <i>All Locations</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Attempted Identity Theft | 7.4%           | 8.3%                 |

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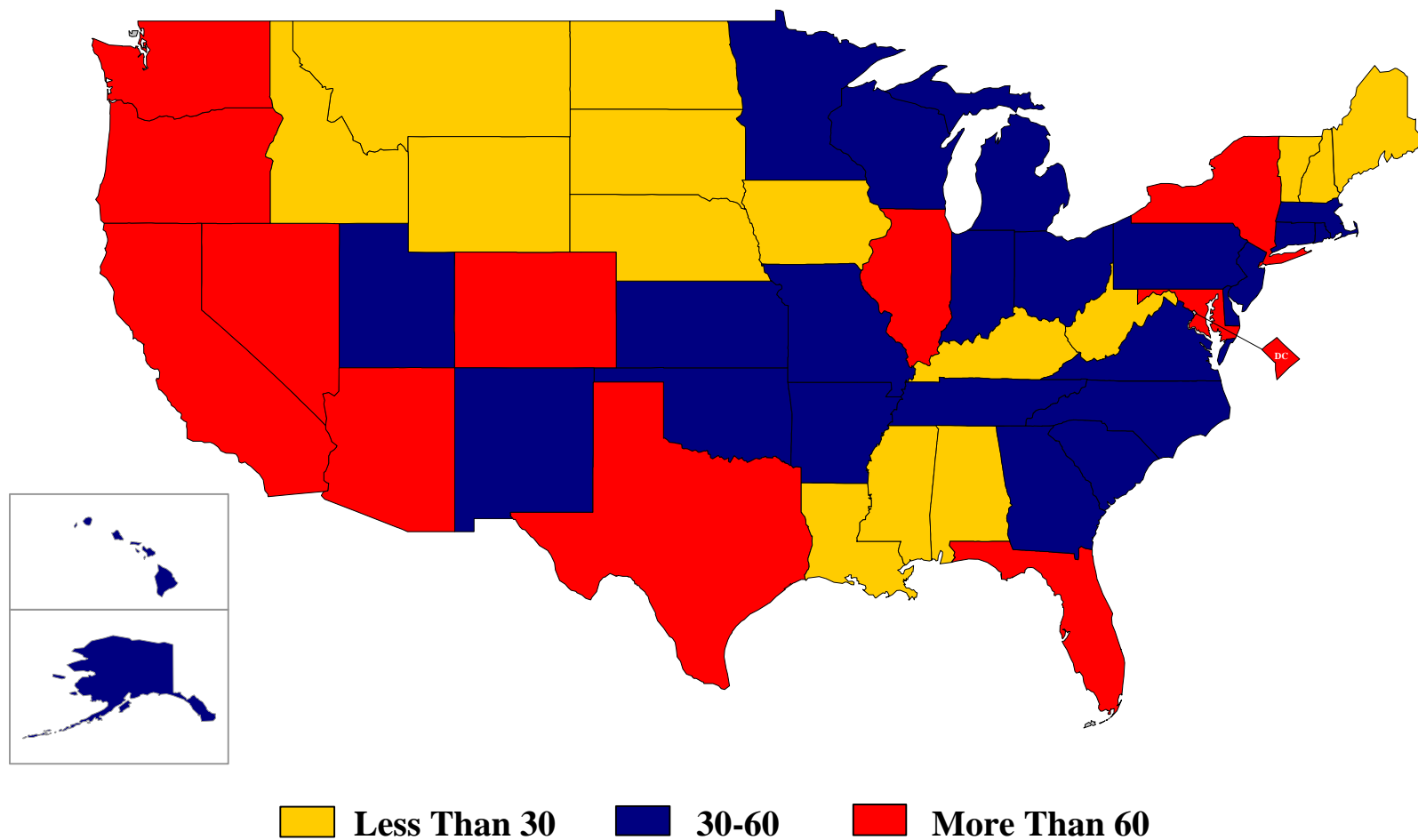
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**Figure 3**  
**Complaints by Victim Age<sup>1</sup>**  
*January 1 – December 31, 2002*



<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the number of victims who provided their age: 2,248 from Indiana and 130,917 from all locations. This chart represents 96% of victims reporting from Indiana and 94% of victims reporting from all locations who contacted the Federal Trade Commission directly.

**Figure 4a**  
**Identity Theft Victims by State (Per 100,000 Population)<sup>1</sup>**  
*January 1 – December 31, 2002*



<sup>1</sup>Figured using the Census 2000 state population estimates (source: U.S. Census Bureau). 96% of the 161,819 total victims reporting indicated their state of residence.

# Figure 4b



## Identity Theft Victims by State (Per 100,000 Population)<sup>1</sup>

January 1 – December 31, 2002

| Rank | Victim State         | Victims Per 100,000 Population | Number of Victims | Rank | Victim State   | Victims Per 100,000 Population | Number of Victims |
|------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1    | District of Columbia | 123.1                          | 704               | 27   | Rhode Island   | 39.2                           | 411               |
| 2    | California           | 90.7                           | 30,738            | 28   | Delaware       | 38.7                           | 303               |
| 3    | Arizona              | 88.0                           | 4,517             | 29   | Minnesota      | 38.1                           | 1,873             |
| 4    | Nevada               | 85.3                           | 1,705             | 30   | Ohio           | 35.8                           | 4,065             |
| 5    | Texas                | 68.9                           | 14,357            | 31   | Tennessee      | 34.5                           | 1,962             |
| 6    | Florida              | 68.2                           | 10,898            | 32   | Kansas         | 33.2                           | 893               |
| 7    | New York             | 66.9                           | 12,698            | 33   | Wisconsin      | 33.1                           | 1,777             |
| 8    | Washington           | 66.1                           | 3,894             | 34   | Oklahoma       | 32.3                           | 1,115             |
| 9    | Maryland             | 66.0                           | 3,497             | 35   | South Carolina | 30.9                           | 1,239             |
| 10   | Oregon               | 64.3                           | 2,200             | 36   | Arkansas       | 30.1                           | 806               |
| 11   | Colorado             | 61.8                           | 2,660             | 37   | Louisiana      | 29.7                           | 1,329             |
| 12   | Illinois             | 60.2                           | 7,474             | 38   | Alabama        | 28.7                           | 1,276             |
| 13   | Georgia              | 57.5                           | 4,709             | 39   | Mississippi    | 28.6                           | 814               |
| 14   | New Jersey           | 57.1                           | 4,802             | 40   | New Hampshire  | 28.2                           | 349               |
| 15   | Hawaii               | 48.9                           | 593               | 41   | Idaho          | 27.9                           | 361               |
| 16   | Virginia             | 48.0                           | 3,395             | 42   | Nebraska       | 26.5                           | 454               |
| 17   | Michigan             | 46.7                           | 4,640             | 43   | Wyoming        | 24.9                           | 123               |
| 18   | Missouri             | 45.7                           | 2,558             | 44   | Montana        | 24.5                           | 221               |
| 19   | New Mexico           | 45.2                           | 822               | 45   | Maine          | 24.0                           | 306               |
| 20   | Indiana              | 43.0                           | 2,612             | 46   | Kentucky       | 22.8                           | 923               |
| 21   | North Carolina       | 42.0                           | 3,383             | 47   | West Virginia  | 19.9                           | 360               |
| 22   | Pennsylvania         | 41.4                           | 5,080             | 48   | Iowa           | 18.9                           | 552               |
| 23   | Massachusetts        | 40.9                           | 2,597             | 49   | Vermont        | 17.6                           | 107               |
| 24   | Connecticut          | 40.6                           | 1,383             | 50   | South Dakota   | 16.4                           | 124               |
| 25   | Utah                 | 39.7                           | 886               | 51   | North Dakota   | 12.6                           | 81                |
| 26   | Alaska               | 39.6                           | 248               |      |                |                                |                   |

<sup>1</sup>Figured using the Census 2000 state population estimates (source: U.S. Census Bureau). 96% of the 161,819 total victims reporting indicated their state of residence.



## Figure 5

### Top Cities in Indiana<sup>1</sup>

*January 1 – December 31, 2002*



<sup>1</sup>99.7% of the 2,612 victims reporting from Indiana indicated their city of residence.